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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
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12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
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### N. A. E. ATTITUDE TOWARD R. S. V. OF BIBLE



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the National Association of Evangelicals an interdenominational organization with representatives of over sixty different denominations included in its membership, issued a statement today through its executive committee meeting in Chicago on the attitude of the N. A. E. toward the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The N. A. E. statement denied the right of the National Council of Christian Churches to authorize any particular version of the Holy Scriptures for other Protestants, criticized certain features of the advertising of the new version, stated that the N. A. E. was unwilling to recommend the Revised Standard Version, and deplored the use of the pronoun "you" in reference to our God and Saviour Jesus Christ when the editors had said that the pronouns "thee" and "thou" in the version would refer to deity. The Executive Committee of the N. A. E. revealed that it had requested the Evangelical Theological Society to declare its evaluation of the Revised Standard Version on the basis of sound evangelical scholarship, and promised a more detailed evaluation of the N. A. E. when the report from the Evangelical Scholars was available.

The complete statement of the N. A. E. Executive Committee as released by Dr. R. L. Decker, Executive Director of the N. A. E., follows: The Executive Committee, with reference to the Revised Standard Version, declares in behalf of N. A. E.

1. We protest the assumption by the National Council of Christian Churches, or any other organization, or any person, of the right to pronounce any version of the Holy Scriptures "authorized" for English-speaking Protestants. God's Word carries its own authority, which is enforced by the Holy Spirit when correctly rendered from the original.

2. We regret certain features of advertising and promotion that appear to have been designed primarily to stimulate sales rather than to represent factually the true nature of the publication.

3. Whereas, we do not conceive it our responsibility to authorize any version of the Scriptures for evangelical Protestants, we do declare our unwillingness at this stage to recommend the Revised Standard Version until competent evangelical scholarship has clarified certain dubious points. To this end we have requested the Evangelical Theological Society, at its approaching convention, to declare its evaluation of the Revised Standard Version on the basis of sound evangelical scholarship.

4. We deplore that, whereas use is made of "thee" and "thou" in reference to deity, the Revision Committee saw fit to use "you" in reference to our God and Saviour Jesus Christ. This point is not one of scholarship but of preference and by implication of interpretation.

5. We further regret that the Committee chose to omit italics from the text to designate words not directly translated from the original, or some other device to indicate words not appearing in the original.

6. This is presented pending a later detailed evaluation.

# Contending for the Faith

BY CARL GREEN



**A**S WE ENTER into the new year, we are in danger, as always, of departing from the faith. 1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." It was needful for Jude, even in the early days of the Church, to write, exhorting them to earnestly contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints. Faith here refers to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and His holy apostles.

In order to remain in the faith that was delivered to the saints, there was some effort to be exercised. Webster's Dictionary defines the word "contend" as "to strive in opposition, to compete." Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:12 who it is that opposes us. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." It is the power of Satan that we must contend with, and not physical strength. Satan heads an organized kingdom that is in opposition to the kingdom of God. He manifests himself in various ways—sometimes as a prophet or an angel of light—but you can always recognize his work. It is always contrary to the Word of God, a compromise or short cut. The devil must always be resisted in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Friends, did you know that the Lord Jesus could come for His Church in the year of 1953? There is no scripture that must be fulfilled before the Lord comes for His people. The last-day revival is now in progress. Never before, since Pentecost, has God so wonderfully poured out His power upon His people. Thousands are being saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and healed by the mighty power of God. This revival is to get the Church ready for the rapture. We find in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." The rapture is the catching-away of the Church. The Church must be raptured before the antichrist can be revealed. 2 Thessalonians 2:7, 8, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let until he is taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." The Lord asked a question in Luke 18:8 that sheds much light on the subject as to whom the Lord will permit to be in the rapture. "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" He will not come for religious institutions or organizations, but will look for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Do we have that faith in our hearts?

**I**T IS not enough to be sincere in what you believe, but you must believe the Word of God. You must not read the Bible to substantiate what you believe, but you must literally believe the Word of God, earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." We must accept the Word of God to mean the same to us today as it did to those to whom it was locally addressed. If this is not true, then our preaching and teaching it to this generation is in vain. But if it is God's standard for us today, and I believe it is, then we must measure up to it, or we will not be ready for the coming of our Lord.

Paul tells us to put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to withstand the wiles of the devil. There is no use to try to defeat the devil by our own strength; it takes the power of God. We must be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Then to be strong in the Lord, we must not only believe in the Word of God, but we must receive it into our hearts. Jesus taught in the third chapter of John that we must be born of the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God. He did not say that in order to be saved we were to shake hands with the preacher, to join the church, or be baptized, but to be born of the Spirit. "Ye must be born again." In John 17, the Lord Jesus prayed for His disciples to be sanctified, and not for them only, but for all who would believe in their word, Verse 20. In Hebrews 12:14 and Ephesians 5:25-27, we find it is absolutely necessary to be sanctified to go in the rapture. Then in John 14:15-17, the Lord said that if He went away He would send His people another Comforter. The disciples were already Christians, but the Lord said they would receive power after that the Holy Ghost was come upon them, Acts 1:8. And when they received the baptism of the Spirit, they spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance, Acts 2:4; 10:44, 46; 19:6. "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" Acts 19:2.

**PAUL** knew what it was to have on the whole armor of God. He advised his followers to do the same. Paul realized the power of Satan. He is as a roaring lion going about seeking whom he may devour. The devil will point you out to his demons and give orders for them to destroy your spiritual life in 1953 if they possibly can. But, thank God, we are more than conquerors through our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul won the victory. His last testimony is recorded in 2 Timothy 4: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, ... and not [for] me only, but [for] all them also that love his appearing." Will it be in the year 1953 that we will give our last testimony? Who knows? Then let us earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints.



# What Are You Writing for Eternity?

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OUR PENMANSHIP may be poor, but what you are writing with your life will be read in eternity. Perhaps you have never written a book, but the deeds of your life will be included in that great book. I was very much impressed by a statement of a circuit court judge at the beginning of a session of court. He stated that he must be careful to make

righteous decisions because the decisions he rendered and wrote on the pages of the books of the court would be opened for scrutiny a thousand years later. Church members and sinner friends, what you write today will be opened for inspection in eternity. So, be careful what you write.

"Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written." St. John 19:22. Only seven short words, but what powerful words they were. Pilate will always be associated with the crucifixion of the Son of God. By his action he wrote for time and eternity.

My friends, I know you will share with me the feeling that we are living in a most breath-taking period of time. Some of the greatest inventions of all times have been produced in this generation. This vast world has shrunk to a small dimension before the conquest of man. Never in the history of the world has man had in his possession more destructive weapons than he has today; but, nevertheless, there is a universal feeling of fear and insecurity.

Yes, in many ways this is a marvelous age in which to live. It is a fascinating age, yet it is a dangerous age. It is an age of high wages and low praise to God. It is an age of plenty, yet thousands and thousands are starving to death for food. It is an age of high entertainment, yet many are sorrowful and laden with grievous burdens. It is a fast age, but many are slow in turning to God. It is an age when great leaders talk peace yet promote destruction. It is a time when our boys are fighting an undeclared war and spilling warm blood on cold battlefields. Yes, the world is writing history. Indi-

viduals are writing history, and the recording angels of God are also writing history.

This thought brings me to a main point of this message. Out of the dismal and the remote ages of the past thunders the words of Pilate. He sleeps in the silent city of the dead, but his words live on to remind us that life is not a dream but a grim reality. Pilate said, "What I have written, I have written." He caused his servants to write and nail on the cross of Christ these words: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Pilate refused to make any changes in the wording; therefore, it became property of eternity. There you have the two—Pilate and Jesus. Pilate wrote death for Christ, but Christ wrote deliverance and redemption for us.

## YOU ARE WRITING PERSONAL HISTORY

As little as you may realize it, you, too, have been writing. You are engaged in writing your personal history. You may not keep a diary, but, remember, God keeps your record. Pilate could have changed the words on the cross, but, my friends, we have not the power to bring back the hours and the days of yesterday, because they now belong to the ages of the past. Pilate wrote on the cross, but what have you written for the cross? Pilate condemned the Christ; have you also rejected Him? As you take the pen of life and dip it into the minutes, the hours, and the days, you write upon the pages of time and eternity. Even God and His holy angels cannot change your personal history of the past. Therefore, take heed what you write for eternity.

## WHAT HAVE YOU WRITTEN IN YOUR SOCIAL LIFE?

GALATIANS 6:7, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Corn crops do fall; wheat crops might be a disappointment; but never has a crop of sin failed to produce. You can rest assured that the sowing of the seeds of sin will produce weeds of bitterness. Do not sow sin and then expect a harvest of righteousness.

Have you taken Christ into your social life this year? Do your friends know of your devotion to the Savior? Have you confessed Christ before men? How have you stood on the sin question? Have you gone all out for Christ, or stayed all in for self? Have you been on your knees for Jesus, or on your feet for the devil? In 1952 some have climbed higher into the holy hills of the Master, while others have gone deeper in the mire of sin. Some have sown love, while others have planted hatred. Some have practised and lived a life of sanctification, while others have gone into dissipation. Some have staggered under the influence of intoxication, while others have rejoiced in the Lord because of Christian consecration.

Two men were fishing in a lake in Michigan. Dissatisfaction arose in a personal dispute, and one murdered the other. He threw the body into the lake, and then returned to his cabin. Three days later the dead man's body washed ashore in front of the cabin. The guilty man walked out of the cabin and saw the body. Overcome by fear and a guilty conscience, he rushed to the authorities and surrendered. The guilty man kept repeating, "Oh yes, the tide did it; the tide did it!" Remember, God said, "Whoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." How will you feel when the deeds you have sown start dashing out on the shores of eternity? God help us to sow seeds of holiness in our social life.

#### WHAT HAVE YOU WRITTEN IN YOUR HOME LIFE?

HOME is a divine institution. Joshua claimed his family for God. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." This man wrote God all through his home life. Some parents are careful to insure the furniture, insure the house, insure the car, and have life insurance on the entire family, but they turn the children over to the devil. Feeding children nourishing food is commendable, but what do you feed their souls? Sir John Bowring said, "The happy family is but an earlier heaven."

God never intended the home to be a family battle station, but rather a place for love and family consecration. If Christ had His way in all homes, the first things, I feel, He would do would be to destroy trashy literature and then build a family altar. When a family throws all that is good and sacred out the back door, hell walks in the front. The spirituality of some churches is greatly hindered because church members disregard God in the homes. The results of a family quarrel taken to church will not help the lost find God. Out of happy, God-loving homes come happy, loyal church members.

What have you written in your home life? Could this be your case? You have time to eat, but no time to pray? You have time to read the funnies, but no time to read the Bible? You have time for family quarrels, but no time for family prayers? You have time to discuss gold, but no time to discuss God? You have time to sleep, but no time to work for God? You have time to clean the house, but no time to clean the soul? You have time for sinful meditation, but no time for holy consecration? The backbone of the commonwealth of America lies in the strength of the homes.

#### WHAT HAVE YOU WRITTEN IN YOUR BUSINESS LIFE?

IN Matthew 6:33 Christ gives a marvelous formula for business as well as a personal foundation for

Christian conduct. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." If the things of God come first in a man's business life, then business will not rob a man of the joy of salvation.

It is sad, but some have pursued the course of Judas—sold the Son of God for a few moth-eaten, cankering, corruptible dollars. Some have sought wealth instead of worship. Some have been more concerned about money than mercy, worked more for their bank account than God's account.

The story is told of a minister speaking on the subject of heaven. After the message, a rich man who heard the sermon was asked how he enjoyed it. He replied, "I have so much in this world, and so little in the other world, the message had very little comfort for me." Do you know the trouble with this man? He had placed the kingdom of God in second place in his life. A business into which it would be impossible to take God as your partner down here, will keep you out of heaven up yonder.

#### WHAT HAVE YOU WRITTEN IN YOUR CHURCH LIFE?

ON THE DAY of Pentecost a great revival came because they had assembled in one accord. Individual hearts had been conditioned for a shower from heaven. Then, why should we expect revivals when church members are filled with discord? Some people should be branded as surgical professors of Christ. Why? Because they are always seeking to divide a church and create confusion. Unity seems something that is undesirable by some church members. If being fussy and quarrelsome equips church members for heaven, I fear there will be much disturbance up there.

After a pastor has served a church for a few months, he learns the ones on whom he can depend. Some can be depended on to fight the church, while others fight the devil for the church. He learns that he can count on some to cry over the lost; he learns that he can count on others to cry because of not being able to boss the entire church. He finds that some are loyal tithers, while others enjoy singing, "Jesus paid it all." They seem to think their tithes were also included. Some must think, judging from their actions, that if they keep a pastor's stomach near empty, it will prevent him from having the "big head."

Some church members are not up on geography, but when it comes to being a church historian they really shine on this point. They can tell you about everything bad that has happened in the church for the past forty years. They really delight themselves in being able to go into minute details. They burn with a desire to carry gossip, and wax eloquent as they relate it, too. It is true that some burn with a desire to carry gossip, but later they will burn for being a busybody.

Have you led one soul to Christ this year? Have you tried to build up your church or tear it down? Have you backed it or kicked it? Have you sung in the choir or fussed in the pews? Have you been led by the Holy Spirit or controlled by a selfish spirit? Have you pouted and shirked or prayed and worked? Have you carried a chip on the shoulder instead of a burden on the heart? If you have fallen below your own expectations, why not, by the help of God, face the future with holy determination for a better record in your own Christian endeavors?

# When Holiness Makes Headlines

BY G. W. LANE

Matthew 25:6, 10b, "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him . . . and they that were ready went."

**T**HE NEWS HEADLINES of this modern age are made up of warfare, international turmoil, strife at home, corruption, and politics. Next comes the interesting news of celebrities, activities of society, and a variety of human interest stories.

News of the work of Christ is not considered in these categories; therefore, if given any place at all, it is crowded into the background where it is hardly noticed. This practice has not changed since Jesus' mother, Mary, was pushed back to the barn for the birth of our Lord, because "there was no room in the inn."

In the thinking of the great minds of the world there is yet no room. Christ and His true followers are crowded out, and, if given any recognition, they are called the "smaller sects." But just as sure as Jesus came from the manger and was heard in the synagogue, so will His people arise, in due time, to be heard.

It is gratifying to see God's people who believe in the full gospel move from the humble huts on the back streets into the fine church buildings with their carpeted floors, comfortable pews, stained-glass windows, and all the essentials for pleasant surroundings. This has helped our standing in the communities and our prestige with the folk of the city. The mayor speaks for us; the governor recognizes us; we are invited into circles of society at times. But this, as pleasant as it may be, is not the popularity which is to be expected by those who will be fully consecrated to God. When holiness makes headlines, it will not be a result of our associations with these groups, but rather our acquaintance with Jesus, the Christ.

WE, who are known as "holiness people," having now reached the place in numbers and strength that we are being "tolerated" to a greater extent, still do not enjoy the prestige that the so-called "greater churches" enjoy, nor will we ever, because of the standard by which we have chosen to be governed—the life of holiness. For this reason some who love popularity and favor in this age, and who cannot stem the tide of public sentiment, do not choose to identify themselves with us, but if they could only see a short distance in the future, when God will bring His people into a full realization of their inheritance, they would be glad to join us. At that time, all who worked against us will be pushed to the background and revealed in their true light, and holiness will make the headlines. We shall be so glad then that we were true and bore His reproach.

It is true that we are not yet enjoying this favored position, but our faith in the promises of God causes us to continue in expectancy so that we are not weary of well-doing. We know we shall reap, and we are determined not to faint in our pursuit.

JOSEPH had been promised a position of honor, by dreams which God gave him. These dreams so elated him that he made them known to his brethren, who despised him for his hope. They conspired against him and called him "the dreamer," asking, "Does he think he will be over us and that we will bow to him? We will see to it that this never happens." So Joseph, being conspired against, was the victim of the anger of these envious men. They thought of killing him, but instead, put him into a pit, and finally sold him to merchantmen of Egypt. Being taken to Egypt, he was sold into Potiphar's house. No doubt, Joseph, having met all these reverses, could have despaired, if his faith had wavered in the least. But his trials are not ended yet. He was a victim of a lie told by Potiphar's wife, and, as a result, he was sent to prison. Time passed on, and there were no signs of being exalted; rather, dreary days of despondency came and went until the dreams of his youth may have been fading. But God had not forgotten. His promise stands sure.

Joseph was not aware of the troubles of the king of Egypt, but the king was having dreams he could not understand. The magicians and wise men were brought in, but to no avail. They could not help him to interpret the dreams. They didn't have the proper connections. This was God's business. The nearness of Joseph's deliverance was not known to him, but God was bringing things to the point of promise fulfillment.

The butler remembered that Joseph had interpreted his dreams while he was in prison and had foretold his restoration to his former position; therefore, he immediately informed the king that there was a man in prison who had proved right in the interpretation of his dream, and Joseph was brought before the king. The king, Pharaoh, said, "I have heard of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it." Joseph answered, saying, "It is not in me; God shall give Pharaoh the answer." God gave Joseph the answer, and the king immediately promoted him, saying, "See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt." And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen. He put a gold chain about his neck, and made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee; and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." Look at Joseph—from the dimness of the dungeon to the limelight of fame.

Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them but made himself a stranger unto them. He spake roughly to them, and said unto them, "Whence come ye?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food." And Joseph's brethren bowed themselves before him with their faces to the earth, and Joseph remembered the dreams which he



dreamed of them.

This accomplishment was not made on roads of easy travel; nor was he voted in by the popular vote of many friends he had accumulated through life. His had been a life of hardships, trouble, and imprisonment, but his obscurity did not hinder God in exalting him at the proper time.

Ours may be a life of misunderstandings, separation from our loved ones because of our stand for God. We may be set aside by our friends and persecuted by the world, but just as sure as God brought Joseph out of obscurity and placed him in the limelight, He will bring holiness into the headlines.

**DANIEL** was a true servant of God, held in captivity in a foreign land. He was determined not to be defiled with the king's meat, because he served God with a heart-purpose. In this captivity he continued his practice of three prayers a day. Surroundings and public opinion didn't change him. He was not swayed by the gaze and criticism of the multitudes. So, he prayed on. Those who were envious of him flattered the king into offering a decree that no one should pray unto any God but him for a given number of days. The king's decree did not faze Daniel. He continued to pray, but the day came when he must decide whether to change his daily practice of worshiping God, or go into the lions' den. He still prayed on. The day of execution came, and into the lions' den he was cast. No doubt, there was a great deal of mocking, scoffing, and belittling the man who would dare to worship God in the face of such a decree by the king. But Darius, the king, said unto Daniel, "Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee." His words were true, whether he was fully aware of it or not, for God will see His people through their hardships until the day of final deliverance.

The king hurried to the den of lions the next morning and, with a lamentable voice, cried unto Daniel, "O Daniel, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?" Then Daniel said, "O King, live forever. My God hath sent his angel and hath shut the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me."

So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake their bones in pieces by the time they came to the bottom of the den.

Then the king made a decree, "That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs, and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

So this Daniel prospered—from the angry mob to the den of hungry lions, and brought out by God, and finally proclaimed to be the third ruler in the kingdom. This was God's way of rewarding a faithful servant. As Daniel was protected in trouble, kept victorious, and brought to the front despite his enemies, so will God bring holiness to its rightful place in due time. Holiness is destined to make headlines.

**I AM REMINDED** of the three Hebrew children who purposed in their hearts that they would not serve any other God but the true God. So, on one occasion, when the test came and all were commanded to bow down to a graven image, their hearts revolted against the king's decree. They were determined to stand true regardless of the actions of all others.

The crucial moment came; the music sounded, all others were bowing to the image. But there were three standing straight. No doubt, they looked around and saw they were standing alone, as their associates were following the king's order.

When the king was told that they did not bow, he brought them forth for questioning, and offered them another opportunity to comply, but they declined. They were no more ready to compromise on the second chance than they were the first, but the second chance will always be offered for any who might accept the wrong. These men knew God would be with them, so they told the king, "If you put us in the fiery furnace, our God will deliver us; but if he does not deliver us, we will not bow down to the image." So, into the fiery furnace they went, bound, but when the king ventured a look, he asked, "Did we not put three men in the furnace? Behold, I see the fourth, like unto the Son of man." They were brought out. Not a hair was singed, nor was there any smell of smoke on their garments. It was their day of victory and popularity. They came out waving the flag of victory and proving to all that theirs was the true God. This was not accomplished by going along with public sentiment, but by refusing to do wrong in spite of public opinion.

**OUR PROBLEM** today is not one of mistreatment or vile persecution from the outside, as in days past, but rather an invitation from the world to get friendly, compromise, and go along together. But to do this, we would be partakers of the spirit of the age, which is pleasure-seeking and revelry of every description. This we cannot afford, for God revealed His feelings openly regarding revelry, even in the life of a king. On one occasion, when Belshazzar gave a feast to a thousand of his lords, wherein there was dancing, drinking, and all the other practices that go along with such gatherings, the king had become so carried away with his revelry that he ordered the vessels of the Lord's house to be brought so that they might drink from them also. But God began to write on the plaster on the wall, "the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another." His manner of life was revealed when he came into contact with God. So, unlike those who stood for right, he was revealed for what he was. Though he stood high in the esteem of the people, God rejected him and his kingdom was taken from him.

There are many today who try to connect God's house with revelry and worldliness, but God has already shown us what His answer will be—**REJECTION**.

There is very little difference in some churches and a regular place of amusement. You can see advertised, bingo, card games of various kinds, dancing, and a general good time for all. This is designed to attract the attention of the pleasure-bent masses, but this is not God's way of bringing His people into popularity. These prac-

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# Where Are the Gifts?

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"Make charity your aim, the spiritual gifts your aspiration; and, by preference, the gift of prophecy," 1 Corinthians 1, R. A. Knox. Trans.



NUMEROUS transitional periods have been experienced by the New Testament Church since her inception, due to the earnest, forward march of sincere souls. This dire need for revival has always been preceded by the call of God in the lives of consecrated individuals, their preparation and subsequent service, followed by great sweeping revivals—first the need, then the hunger, next the consecration, and all together resulting in a forward step of the Church.

Always, there exists a danger of going to extremes during times of spiritual restoration and revival. In fact, there is danger of two extremes, and multitudes are caught in the momentum of each. Some oppose the revival, and others rush headlong into fanaticism. Thus the purpose of God is thwarted both ways. In resisting the Spirit of God, we become guilty of grieving and quenching the Spirit. In looking only to outward demonstration, we become guilty of giving vent to our natural, human exuberance in a manner that drives sincere souls away.

Through patient waiting and humbly seeking the will of the Lord, we can glean the good and reject that which is unscriptural. The froth is blown away, and the genuine, spiritual content remains to bless the humble. Then, by continuing to build on a dependable, scriptural foundation, the Church enters a new era of opportunity and accomplishment, and witnesses a successful forward surge of loyal believers.

Each period of revival presents to the Church new opportunities for victory, power, accomplishment, and subsequent glory. Each successive, forward move arouses opposition from certain religious elements who possess a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. The progressives are branded as heretics, fanatics, extremists, and by other uncharitable names. In some cases the accusations are justifiable, but many times they are not. In almost every instance the accusations, whether just or unjust, tend to advertise the activities of the new sect or movement and arouse the sympathies of formerly disinterested persons, either for or against the move.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, evangelical and full-gospel movements are believing God for a major, international and far-reaching revival of divine power. The Lord has honored the faith of His people, and the Church has experienced an unprecedented move of the Spirit. Millions have made spiritual progress, and the end is not yet. The Lord has much more in store for His

people, but before we can hope to witness a great manifestation of divine power, certain obstructions must be removed.

One of the greatest hindrances of all is the lack of true coordination between Christians. This vast multitude of believers is divided into two general groups. One group stands for the organized efforts of the Church through various denominations. The opposing group is definitely and pugnaciously anti-denominational. Both factions insist they are right, but the truth of the matter is that both groups are right and both are wrong, in some respects. God has a purpose in everything He permits. His purpose, through these two factions, is to break down the extremes that exist in either case. This lack of fellowship is unchristian, and, therefore, it must be overcome. It is the purpose of God to direct His children into a greater unity and sweeter fellowship than they have enjoyed at any time during this twentieth century, or at any previous time since the beginning. This purpose may be accomplished only through suffering, sorrows, persecution, humiliation, and other chastening methods, but it must be accomplished. When it has been brought about, no particular organization, sect, or denomination shall lay claim to the credit, but all shall cry out together, "Behold what God hath wrought!"

How is this unity to come about? Through the power of the Holy Ghost. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Both by the fruits of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit, growing and functioning in and through the lives of believers.

Where are the gifts of the Spirit? Some say they are lying dormant in the lives of believers. Others steadfastly affirm they are in the Church. Bible scholars insist they are resident in the Holy Spirit. Personally, I believe all three answers are correct.

No man can sincerely dispute the fact that Spirit-baptized believers are in the Church, or body of Christ. Then, since the Holy Ghost is the Agent who controls the administrations, operations, and manifestation of the gifts (spirituals), 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, through human instrumentality, we have every right to have them in operation.

It is quite apparent that the great revival move, which is under way today, has been spearheaded by godly men whose lives and ministry are actuated through the indwelling power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The greatest accomplishments have been witnessed in cooperative meetings where Christians of many churches have ignored denominational barriers and conflicting opinions and have worked together for the salvation of souls. Marvelous deliverances have been and are being

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# Midnight Shadows of 1953

BY MARY ALICE VARNER  
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"... for the shadows of the evening are stretched out,"  
Jeremiah 6:4.

**W**E ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING the end of this age. Frequently we hear it spoken of as the "end of the world." All down through the dark ages we have seen the hand of prophecy painting to the day of His visit back to the earth. The signs of the times are sweeping the continent at a rapid speed. The shadows of the midnight hour are deep and dark. Surely the prophet was moved of God when he said, "For the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

Shadows of distress and perplexity of bankrupt nations seem to dominate the earth. After nearly two thousand years, we are now living in the closing hours of the Gentile dispensation. At the end of these last days, seemingly man has risen to the highest peak of human wisdom. Daniel 12:4 says, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." It seems as if there is no limit to man's advancement. But in the midst of intelligence, man's dream ships are constantly being wrecked on the sharp rocks of time. All the efforts to bring peace to the world have failed. Each time God's great clock ticks off the time, world conditions are growing worse. Entanglements and confusions are prevailing.

Our young men are dying by the thousands, out on the bloody battlefields, lying in their own blood, their bones crushed and broken, their flesh pressed to the ground. For what are they fighting? No one knows. No one has an answer to that question. Our homes are being robbed of its use. Many of them dying without God. What effort are we putting forth to save the lost?

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision the people perish." A plowboy sees a fine young horse at an auction sale. He has a vision. He sees him as he plows day after day in the fields. The plowboy says he's worth \$50. A cowboy looks at the same horse. He sees himself riding the horse as he rounds up the cattle on his ranch. To the cowboy he is worth \$150. Another boy looks at the same horse. He, too, has a different vision. He sees the fine, healthy looking horse as he enters the line with the race horses. He visions the horse in the lead. Through the vision this boy has, he is worth \$100,000. Friends, what we need today is the race-horse vision. We have dragged around long enough in our unconcerned ways. It's time now to wake up and start off right. Read John 9:1-15. It's time to work now while it is day, for night is coming when no man can work. Throughout Jesus' life on earth, He felt the urgent need of doing the works of His Father.

At twelve years He said to His mother, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" When He healed the man born blind, He declared, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day. . . ." At all times the urgency of His Father's work was upon Him.

What are the works of God? By studying what Jesus did, we find Him determined to rid the world of all those things that were injurious to the welfare of man in body, mind, and soul and to lead man to find the abundant life. These are the works of God. Jesus was not only referring to the time of day when He said, "The night cometh . . .," but here He was referring to the opportunity to serve. The time will come when we are no longer able to serve; the opportunity will be gone. Jesus, therefore, urges us to join in the work for the Father while it is day and the opportunity is at hand.

What value are we placing upon the soul? Are we so living that we are driving a hard bargain with ourselves? As we look around for an answer, we are impressed with the low value many are placing upon the soul. We find people selling their souls for much less than Esau received in his bargain with his brother Jacob. Some sell their souls for the fads and frivolities of society. Others sacrifice moral integrity for place and position, while others amass great wealth only to lose their souls. The prosperous farmer who had food laid up for many days and felt secure in his wealth heard a voice saying, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Sinner, what about that soul of yours? Your soul is the most valuable possession in the world. You drift on day after day lost and undone, without God and without a hope in this world. Your soul is valuable. It belongs to God who gave it and who redeemed it with the blood of His own Son. If you so manage your life that you lose your soul, then you have nothing that you can give in exchange for it. You cannot bargain with God.

Everything we possess is a trust committed to our keeping. We look upon certain things as our possessions, but it is only by the mercy and goodness of God that we have them for a little while. The day will come when these things pass to others, and we must give account for them while they were in our keeping. It is not what we possess, but rather what we do with what we have that makes the difference. It is our responsibility to use our gifts to the best advantage in the work of God's kingdom.

We are told by St. Paul, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Everything we are and have should glorify God and exalt Him before men. Our life, home, abilities, time, and whatever we have should be used for enriching life and bringing souls to God. We can do this

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wrought through these efforts. Personal aggrandizement and denominational greediness has been noticeably absent.

**SPIRITUAL LEADERS** and believers everywhere are praying and working for a unified effort. Sects, who refuse to subscribe to this forward surge of the Spirit in a cooperative way, or are only for promoting their own personal interests, will be deserted in the wake of a powerful Church. Conscientious believers of many denominations are courting the favor of God and pressing into a deeper spiritual life. The love of God is emanating from the lives of these tried and true believers, and unbelievers are being convinced that a reality exists. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

**THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT** are not in operation through the lives of unregenerate men, nor through the lives of those who despise the endowment of power for service. Neither are they necessarily in operation through some who constantly follow after signs and take delight only in outward demonstration. The anointing power of the Spirit of God must be experienced within the lives of individuals before it can be manifested through them. It is good for the fruits of the Spirit to be growing profusely before too much emphasis is placed upon the gifts, and, yet, where the gifts are in operation they will serve as an inducement for more fruit.

The Spirit does not follow any certain prescribed course, but works in His own way to bring about the perfection of the saints as well as the conversion of sinners. His purpose is not always revealed until after the manifestation of His power. We do not always recognize what He intends to do until it has been completed. He ministers unobtrusively in many instances, without any noticeable glamor or spectacular demonstration, and yet the work is genuine and permanent. It is possible that He prefers this manner of working, for in so doing He brings the praise and glory to God rather than to men.

The gifts of the Spirit are, therefore, under the controlling influence of the Spirit. They are given for the purpose of edifying individuals, blessing and enabling the Church to function successfully as a soul-saving institution. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, and He is accomplishing this purpose through the Church, His body. The Holy Spirit, working through the sanctified, consecrated lives of believers, is the Agent.

Since the Holy Ghost fills the lives of individuals with Himself, and He controls the gifts, they are, in this manner, resident in human lives. They can and do function only as He wills and directs. "Now God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him," Acts 10:38. The same Holy Ghost who anointed Christ for His ministry baptizes and anoints men and women today who are called, chosen, and commissioned of God to preach the gospel of deliverance. Therefore, the gifts are residing in the lives of human beings.

The body of Christ, or the Church, composed of all blood-washed, born-again believers, is the Lord's representative body on earth. The Holy Spirit, as a great

nervous system, binds the body together, controlling each live, healthy member. The gifts of the Spirit, operating in and through Spirit-baptized believers, are in the Church. In denominations, organizations, sects, groups or movements where the gifts are not in operation, it is because the Holy Ghost cannot find lives sufficiently consecrated through whom to operate. "Make charity your aim, the spiritual gifts your aspiration; and by preference, the gift of prophecy."

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whether our possessions be great or small, since we know that the spirit in which it is done and the effort put forth will determine the outcome, the approval of God.

Today, through the dark shadows that dominate the earth, there shines a ray of hope for the born-again child of God who is awaiting, with great anticipation, the hour of His visitation. Yes, out of the dismal shadows of this twentieth century, and through all sorrow, the bride is gazing eagerly into the sunshine of God's smile. Go where you will, there is that expectancy in the hearts of God's chosen, a hope beyond this vale of tears. Never has there been so many signs pointing to His second coming. The fig tree, a type of Israel, is beginning to bud. Israel is striving to go back to Palestine. The Jews are again being brought back into the favor of God. They are going back to the land that was given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And God's Holy Word says, "When ye see these things," or the fig tree begin to put forth its buds, "ye know that summer is near." But before the dark hours of tribulation break forth, Christ will come for His own. We are living in the closing hours of the dispensation of grace. God has permitted us to see these things come to pass, and when you see these things coming to pass, look up, lift up your head, for your redemption draweth nigh.

In these closing days of darkness and despair, God is sending forth a ray of hope and assurance. He sends forth a beacon light that gleams over land and sea. No shadows so dark, no night so black, that its glorious rays cannot shine. Its rays have streamed good news across the desolate waters of sin and deep into the deserts of unbelief. Today we behold its searching rays sweeping the sky, tracing out the coming of the Son, Jesus.

It was in a land of dark shadows that Jesus looked at the people of Jerusalem and cried, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Where is rest? Where is happiness? In Christ we find all we need.

My message is almost finished, and many of you are still lost without God. You are lost in the dark shadows that the prophet warns that are being stretched out. In the midst of these shadows the Lord is pleading with you. He is by your side, saying, "Oh why will you die?" Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," John 6:37. It is not necessary that you remain lost in sin. You can be happy. You can have peace. But remember, such peace is found only in Christ. May God help you to surrender your life to His divine will and be made free from the bondage of sin, so when He comes you will not face the dark shadows of the tribulation period, but, with a praise on your immortal lips, you will rise to meet the Lord in the air. What I say unto you I say unto all, "Watch!"

## WHEN HOLINESS MAKES HEADLINES

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tices are far removed from holiness, and it is by holiness that God's people will be promoted to positions of kings and priests who shall reign on earth.

This promise of which I speak is not to be attained through popular vote of the masses, through catering to public sentiment, nor keeping in line with general trends of the world, but when Jesus comes on clouds of bright glory and shall catch away His Church, then will HOLINESS MAKE THE HEADLINES.

If a news commentator were telling this, he would say, "A great story is about to break." The world is about to experience something of phenomenal proportions. It is expected that we are about to depart from the usual or customary manner of news and give an account of an experience never before published in any newspaper. The vote-seeking politician, the dictating Stalin, the corrupting schemers, the high-headed socialite, and the compromising preacher will not be included in this news coverage; but the meek people, the humble people, the unheard-of people, as far as the social world is concerned, will be the only subject. They will push every ordinary subject into the shadows as God gives His people their day of rejoicing.

It is said that some metropolitan newspapers have the type set to proclaim the rapture of the Church, so that they might be first when the great news breaks. This is one edition I do not expect God's people to read, because it will be dealing with the subject of their absence from the world. It will say, "Millions who were here yesterday cannot be found; factories are short of help; the streets are in confusion as terrified people search for their relatives. Trains, one after another, are wrecked, and the engineers cannot be found; automobiles are found crashed, and the drivers are all missing." No doubt, these newspapers will say, "Blessed and holy were they. These were the people we thought to be peculiar. Their churches were smaller; their people were poor, but now they can't be found." That will be holiness making headlines. But, that is not the last. We shall be in mid air with the Lord Jesus and with the patriarchs of old, with the apostles and with the early Church, and with those who have gone on before us by way of death. We shall be enjoying the marriage supper, at the end of

which Jesus will mount the white horse and all of His followers will follow Him to the earth again. The vesture of Jesus will have written upon it "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," and all of His people will come to this old earth and take over the reign. One will be given ten cities, another five, and another one, and we shall reign with the Lord a thousand years. The standard of government of the world at that time will be holiness. Then will this earth be ruled in righteousness.

HITLER, Mussolini, Stalin, and others have sought by war to become ruler of the world, but God has said, "The meek shall inherit the earth." Therefore, we, as holiness people, without the use of warfare, strife, and conflict, just sit and wait and live holy, serving God and enjoying our salvation until the Lord takes over this old earth. Then holiness will truly be the order of the new day.

Plans are now being made by Great Britain for the coronation of their new queen, for which occasion seats are being sold at prices as high as \$80 a person. This will be one of the most elaborate affairs ever to occur. Likewise, our own beloved America is arranging for the inauguration of a new president, who will represent a different party, with hopes of better government and accentuated strides toward world peace. These events of world-wide interest will include many parades, with great excitement, beautifully arranged programs, colorful oratory, marching bands, and banners waving; but the world has not seen anything to compare with the entourage announced by these words, "Behold the King cometh with an innumerable company of his saints!" The enemy and his company comes out for one last stand, but the sword from the mouth of the Lord destroys them. Our fighting and troubles are all over; the devil, antichrist, and false prophet are cast in the pit, and the King of kings comes to replace all former rulers and all former world systems. "And righteousness will cover the earth as water covers the sea." "And in that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord . . . Yea, on every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be Holiness unto the Lord."

In this glorious day, the "Holiness Party" will be in power, and every city, town, and precinct will be governed by holiness advocates. Then will holiness enjoy its rightful popularity and make every headline.



### NEW BIBLE FAILS TO SLOW KING JAMES' SALES

(EP) The demand for the Revised Standard Bible recently published has been remarkable. According to Thomas Nelson & Sons, publishers, back orders total 225,000 for the leather-bound volume and 350,000 for the buckram covers. The Chicago Bible society has disclosed that sales in that area for the past four weeks were the largest in its 112-year history. Of the 10,000 Bibles sold during the month, only 3,000 were R.S.V.'s, indicating that the King James Version is still preferred.

According to the spokesman for the

Chicago society, complaints have to do merely with mechanical defects in printing. With respect to inquiries about the new volume, the representative said: "The society is selling Bibles, not theology." That is not to say, however, that theological complaints do not exist. The same representative then mentioned that Rev. Dr. Carl McIntyre, president of the International Council of Christian churches, Collingswood, New Jersey, in a 20-page pamphlet, objects to the removal, by the translators, of the word "virgin" in the prophecy of Isaiah, 7:4, in the reference to the birth of the Messiah. Of like kind is the criticism of *The Defender* magazine, whose article entitled "The New Blasphemous Bible" says, "A false and treacherous Bible is being palmed off on the religious people of the United States by a shrewd advertising campaign, as part

of a master plan to denature and devitalize our historical and evangelical Christian faith."

### EVANGELIST GRAHAM LEAVES FOR KOREA

LOS ANGELES (EP)—Evangelist Billy Graham left aboard an airline clipper for Korea early today and said nation-wide "humiliation, repentance and prayer" is the only answer to the Korean problem. The revivalist said he would ask Gen. Eisenhower to "call a nation-wide day of humiliation, repentance, and prayer" as one of his first acts as President. "It would have a profound effect on the solution to Korea," he declared.

Graham spent both Christmas and New Year's Day at the front lines. He will continue his weekly radio program with Sunday broadcasts from Korea and Formosa.



# Man and missions

from the  
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## In Memoriam

### THOMPKINS

Pansy Thompkins, age 19, our beloved sister in the Lord, went home to be with Jesus, September 25, 1952. She was an humble and devoted Christian. She is survived by her husband, LaFrance. Her funeral was conducted by her former pastor, Rev. R. A. Tedder, and present pastor, Rev. R. P. Fields. She was a member of the Lake Dale Church of God.—Her sisters-in-law, Mrs. Bernice Britt and Mrs. Gladys Jackson.

### SUMNER

W. L. Sumner passed away August 14. He was a charter member of the Brunsville Church of God and was loved by all who knew him. He was very faithful to his church. Surviving him are his wife, 3 sons, and 2 daughters. His funeral was conducted at Brunswick Church of God by his pastor.—Mary Dedge.

### PERRY

Brother William Posey Perry departed this life September 17, 1952, at the age of 80 years and 29 days. He was a member of the Church of God at Summerville, Georgia, for about 12 years. He is survived by his wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 3 brothers, and 5 sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Tommie Waites and Brooks Youngblood, Pastor.

### ALEXANDER

On November 19, 1952, the death angel visited the home of James M. Alexander and family and claimed for its victim their son, LeRoy (Sonny) Alexander, age 18 years. He was a member of the National Guard for a number of years. Sonny accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and united with the Church of God several months before his death. He loved his Bible and spent many hours reading it day and night until he became too weak to read. Being a victim of cancer of the glands, he suffered untold agony, yet he was so patient in his suffering and always remembered to pray for others. Our hearts and homes are left lonely and sad, but we weep not as those who have no hope, for Sonny left a wonderful testimony that he was ready to go or ready to stay. We are expecting to see him again soon. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Alexander, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, 3 sisters, 2 brothers, 2 grandparents, and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at the North Chattanooga Church of God by his pastor, Rev. William Brown, and Revs. Harvey Hudson and Neal Thompson. The body was laid to rest in Chattanooga Memorial Park to await the resurrection of the saints.—His grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander.

## Illinois Has Eight Days of Mission Promotion

The State of Illinois, under the able leadership of their state overseer, Reverend Floyd Timmerman, is launching a state-wide mission program.

The following schedule shows the united response on the part of the ministers and churches in these respective districts who feel a burden for the spreading of the gospel throughout the world:

CHURCH	PASTOR	DATE	SPEAKER
ELDORADO	E. W. Carden	February 12	Wade H. Horton—7:30
BENTON	Lester Robbins	February 12	Chancel E. French—7:30
HARRISBURG	W. J. Milligan	February 12	Paul H. Walker—7:30
MASS RALLY WITH THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS TAKING PART: Benton, Mt. Vernon, Carrier Mills, Florida, at CARRIER MILLS School Auditorium February 13—all speakers present.			
LAWRENCEVILLE			Wade H. Horton—also Sunday a.m.
DISTRICT:	Kenneth Moore	February 14	
CHAUNCEY	Leonard Newton	February 14	Paul H. Walker—also Sunday a.m.
OLNEY	F. A. Larkin	February 14	C. E. French—also Sunday a.m.
CHAUNCEY	Leonard Newton	February 15	all speakers present—2:00
MT. VERNON	A. B. Whittington	February 15	C. E. French—7:30
CHRISTOPHER	Joel Brown	February 15	Wade H. Horton—7:30
W. FRANKFORT	W. L. Edgar	February 15	Paul H. Walker—7:30
EAST ALTON	Edward Caraway	February 16	Wade H. Horton—7:30
E. ST. LOUIS	J. B. Holcomb	February 16	Paul H. Walker—7:30
COLLINSVILLE	O. N. Cecil	February 16	C. E. French—7:30
EAST ALTON	(MASS RALLY)	February 17	all speakers present—7:30
SPRINGFIELD	Carl Hanvey	February 18	Paul H. Walker—7:30
URBANA	N. A. Jordan	February 18	Wade H. Horton—7:30
CLINTON	Sam Edmunds	February 18	C. E. French—7:30
CLINTON	(MASS RALLY)	February 19	all speakers present—7:30
LAVERGNE AVENUE CHURCH, CHICAGO DISTRICT, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20—ALL SPEAKERS PRESENT 7:30 p.m.			

## Latin American Convention Schedule

CONVENTION	PLACE	TIME	PERSONNEL
Northwest Mexico	Cd. Obregon, Son.	Jan. 28-Feb. 1	McAfee—Hargrave
U. S. A. Latin America	San Antonio, Texas	Feb. 2-3	McAfee—Hargrave
British Honduras	Belize, B. H.	Feb. 18-19	McAfee
El Salvador	Santa Tecla	Feb. 20-22	McAfee—Hargrave
Guatemala City	Guatemala City	Feb. 24-25	McAfee—Hargrave
Guatemala Highlands	Chucaca	Feb. 26-Mar. 1	McAfee—Hargrave
Honduras	Tegucigalpa	Mar. 3-4	McAfee
Nicaragua	Managua	Mar. 5-6	McAfee
Costa Rica	San Jose	Mar. 7-8	McAfee
Panama (Spanish)	Concepcion	Mar. 9-10	McAfee
Panama (English)	C. Zone	Mar. 12-13	McAfee
Peru	Lima	Mar. 16-17	Hargrave
Chile	Santiago	Mar. 21-22	Hargrave
Argentina	Chaco	Mar. 25-27	Hargrave
Argentina	B.A.	Mar. 28-29	Hargrave
Uruguay	Montevideo	Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Hargrave
Brazil	Curityba	Apr. 1-5	Hargrave

# REVIVALS

Hill, 3717 Fagan Avenue, Alton Park, Tennessee, Phone 3-2415.—Pastor.

**PIEDMONT HIGHWAY, Ala.**—We had a very successful revival at the Church of God here. A number of backsliders were reclaimed, 13 were saved, 6 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number healed in the special healing services. Rev. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Kentucky, was the evangelist. Brother Dagnan is a very consecrated minister. We also thank God for our fine pastor, Rev. S. J. Weeks, and his family. They are doing a fine work here. We ask an interest in your prayers.—Reporter.

**WINTER HAVEN, Fla.**—The day of great revivals is not over. We have recently had a great revival here at Winter Haven. Few of us have ever witnessed such a revival. On Sunday morning it seemed as if the whole church caught a new glimpse of Calvary. That night 2 received the Holy Ghost. From then on for 6 weeks, from 1 to 5 each night received a definite experience. We could not keep up with the number saved or sanctified, but 58 received the Holy Ghost. Many of the neighboring churches were blessed. The sermons of our evangelist, Sister Hillhouse, were so great and so filled with the Spirit that we feel very much encouraged after the revival. Our pastor, Rev. Mitchel Thomas, and Sister Thomas are doing a great work here.—Mrs. L. L. Grant.

**VENUS, Fla.**—The Church of God of Venus, Florida, had a two-week revival, with 4 sanctified and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was conducted by Rev. W. J. Rice. A healing service was conducted every night, and several miraculous healings took place. One sister had blood pressure so high she was about to have a stroke, and the Lord delivered her. She has been attending church regularly ever since. Our evangelist is a great worker with the youth. If you would like to contact him, write Rev. W. J. Rice, Box 365, Eloise, Florida, or phone 26831, Winter Haven, Florida.

**WINFIELD, Ala.**—A wonderful revival has just reached its climax at the Rock City Church of God with the writer as the evangelist. It really began on November 16 when the pastor and church began to pray earnestly. Hungry souls began crying for mercy, and penitent people rushed to an altar of prayer. Eighteen or 20 received different experiences, 9 received the Holy Ghost, and 4 were reclaimed. We praise God for the revival and are rejoicing over our new band of workers received in this revival.—J. A. Lindsay.

**MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.**—We have just had our first meeting with the Church of God, having only recently united with the Church. We held a 2 weeks' meeting with Brother and Sister Jesse J. Smith at Mt. Pleasant and their very precious group. The Sunday School almost doubled while we were there. Most of our preaching was to the church, and we feel that God gave us a profitable time there. One prec-

ious lady was happily saved and some were healed. We are believing God for the effectual working of His Word. The weather was bad and there was quite a bit of sickness, but we enjoyed our fellowship with these fine people. Let us all pray for the church there and for Brother and Sister Smith. We are like the prophet of old, this message is like fire shut up in our bones, and we will be glad to come to any pastor and labor with him. Sister Ward's flannelgraph teaching is a great blessing to the children. Anyone wishing our services write us.—Evangelist T. L. Ward, 463 E. McLemore, Memphis, Tenn.

**LOVINGTON, N. Mex.**—On Friday night, November 14, a 24-day revival closed at Lovington, New Mexico. One was saved and sanctified, 1 reclaimed and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 1 joined the church. Much good was accomplished for the church in this revival.

Rev. C. C. Ackley was our evangelist and brought us the gospel under the anointing of the Spirit. Sister Ackley was a great blessing in the revival with her accordion playing and special singing.

Rev. and Mrs. Brady Dennis, our state overseer and wife, spent all day Sunday, November 9, with us, and the L. W. B. served an old-fashioned picnic lunch. Brother Dennis brought a message Sunday morning that will long be remembered; in closing he took one man into the church.

The interest and crowds grew each night, and there are still several prospective members looking toward the Church of God. We earnestly desire your prayers.

The devil has tried to say for a long time, "You cannot have a revival at Lovington," but by God's help, we have defeated him and proved that it could be done.—Pastor, Mrs. Cereta Robinson, 122 East Jackson Avenue.

**ALTON PARK, Tenn.**—We had a two-week revival with Rev. James Simpson and Rev. Jake Turner as evangelists. God's power was manifested in a wonderful way. Ten were saved, 5 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 added to the church, and 5 baptized in water. We believe it was the most spiritual revival we have had in a long time in Orme Valley. The Rev. Simpson, the evangelist, is open for revivals and may be contacted by calling the pastor, Sarah C.

**MILLVILLE, N. J.**—We have had another revival here in Millville, with our overseer, H. R. Appling, doing the preaching. He and his wife have been a real blessing to saints and sinners. We have learned to love them very much. Our revival lasted 4 weeks. God's power was manifested in a great way. Twelve were saved, 11 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. I believe we are going to have great success in these next 2 years, if Jesus tarries. We ask you to remember our church in prayer.—H. Hanley, Clerk.

**ALABAMA CITY, Ala.**—I recently had a three-week revival at Coaldale Church of God, near Warrior, Alabama. Rev. G. R. Brown is the pastor. We had a record Sunday School of 201. Sixteen were saved, several sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 were added to the church.

I am starting a daily radio broadcast over WETO, 930 on the dial, at 11 a. m. on weekdays and 1 p. m. on Sundays. This will come from Gadsden, Alabama, and will be a faith work. Please pray for the work.—Evangelist Al Ragsdale, 410 Webster Street.

**PORTSMOUTH, Dom.**—We are glad to report the wonderful revivals which have just closed and the series of meetings. Wonderful and soul-stirring messages were given which blessed the hearts of many. 44 came to the altar to seek the Lord, 1 was added to the Church, 1 was sanctified, and 2 were added to the Church of God. We had a short visit of Rev. and Mrs. Winter and we were glad to have them. We need your prayers for the work here.—Louisa Banfield, Portsmouth, Dominica.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**—I want to report the progress our church is making here at West Nashville. We just closed a three-week revival with Rev. C. B. Donahue doing the preaching. We enjoyed his sermons very much. 2 were saved, 2 sanctified, 1 received the Holy Ghost, and 5 were added to the church. 3 more members have been added to our church since the revival closed. During the revival we had a Sunday School "record breaking" day and had 238. That number broke the previous record by 111. We thank God for His blessings here at West Nashville.—Rev. A. W. Ellington, Pastor.



### MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

By Avis Swiger

Genesis 4:9, "And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel, thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?"

**N**O ONE LIVES to himself. Even when we seem to be all alone in our homes so much of the day, we, in reality, are influencing others, and, in turn, we are being influenced. We cannot change this situation if we try. The only thing that is in our power is to limit or enlarge this sphere.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" must, of course, be answered in the affirm-

ative—all will agree to that. Then, the real question I must find an answer for is: Who is my brother? That answer, sincerely sought in prayer and study of God's Word, will measure the extent of my usefulness to this world.

"Let me live in my house  
By the side of the road  
And be a friend to man"—

may be a good philosophy for some, but it isn't good enough. I cannot be content just to wait for someone to drift by—I must reach out, search out, and help those in need.

Adoniram Judson once bought a sick, crippled slave girl in a market

in Burma. A friend said to him, "What need do you have for her?" Judson answered, "I didn't buy her because I needed her, but because she needed me." My brother is anyone who needs me!

In America we have one preacher for every seven hundred people, with two or three striving for the same pulpit. In heathen lands they have one preacher for every one hundred thousand people, with every cross-roads an invitation to set up a pulpit. Then, is it not clear where my prayers, my finance, and help should go? I must spend a part of every day God gives me reaching to them in prayer and supplication. The necessity is pressed upon me to talk about this need to others that they also may begin to understand and respond to this urgent need.

*Am I my brother's keeper?  
And must I my will deny,  
Always putting others first?  
"Of course," my Master made reply  
Didn't I?*

*Am I my brother's keeper?  
My heart cries out anew,  
And the answer quickly echoes,  
"To be sure, for I've called you,  
Be true!"*

*I am my brother's keeper!  
Who then is my brother, pray?  
The one who's lost and surely  
Needs the dear Saviour today,  
Haste away!*

## REPORTS

### WEST VIRGINIA PRAYER CONFERENCE

AS I sit here in my study this morning thinking back over the great events of my life, I come to the great feast of just a month ago in Beckley, West Virginia, at the state prayer conference, which started November 10 and was to close on the night of the 11th, but truly I believe it is still going in the lives of those who were privileged to attend. My greatest regret is that every one of my members was unable to be there to feast upon the good things from God's wonderful hand.

The remark was made by some, when they were handed the program that had been outlined by our esteemed state overseer, Reverend G. W. Lane, that it was announced as a prayer conference but by the amount of subjects that were to be discussed by the many speakers, it would turn out to be just another preacher's convention. However, before we had gone far, all began to realize this was not just another preachers' convention, but that evidently God had directed in the arranging of the program.

It would be impossible for me to put into words the greatness of this prayer conference or to select any certain part of the services as the outstanding part. It simply was wonderful from the very first song to the last amen.

When the time came on the program for Reverend F. G. McAfee, pastor of the Huntington Church, to tell us about "The Workings of the Spirit," the Spirit was already working in such a way that Brother McAfee simply gave an altar call and let the Spirit show us His workings. Eternity alone will reveal the good that was done as the Spirit moved among us at that time.

At the close of this great afternoon service, some remarked that this was the climax of the prayer conference, but long before time for the night service, the building was filled, and still folks came and crowded into the building until it seemed there was just not room for any more. But there was still room for the Holy Ghost to enter and manifest Himself in a mighty way.

Reverend H. L. Chesser, our General Secretary and Treasurer, was to bring the closing message, and the packed house was simply leaning forward drinking in every word when the Holy Ghost took complete charge, and Brother Chesser closed his Bible and joined in with the crowd in an old-fashioned Church of God shout. Many remarked that they saw nothing ahead for the Church of God but success as long as we still had general officials that were willing to close their Bibles and enjoy the presence of the Holy Ghost. I feel sure Brother Chesser will long remember the West Virginia prayer conference.

As we drove back to Logan that night, one of the ladies with my wife and me said she had been attending state conventions and prayer confer-



ences in the Church of God in West Virginia for over twenty years and that this prayer conference had been a greater blessing to her than any she had ever attended. Truly this morning, one month since it closed, I can say it was wonderful, and the sweet memories of it still thrill me. The only thing I can see left for the prayer conferences in the future in West Virginia is to plan to locate a much larger building for those who will be attending.

May God continue to give us great prayer conferences and conventions until that time when we have the great reunion in the sky, is my humble prayer.—V. W. Thomas, Pastor, Church of God, Logan, West Virginia.

**MOUNT AIRY, South Carolina**—Our Sunday night services have been great at South Street, and souls are being blessed. Within the past two weeks 5 have been saved, 4 sanctified, and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost. We have felt a revival spirit since our recent revival in which 14 were saved, 7 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 were added to the church. Our pastor brought us soul-stirring messages each night and still continues to do so. We really appreciate our new pastor and his good wife. Pray for us. Johnnie Amos, Reporter.

#### NOTICES

Evangelist G. R. Morris and wife are open for revivals anywhere. We have our musical instruments and live in a house trailer.—G. R. Morris, Box 662, Glasgow, Kentucky.

I should like to visit and preach some in the different churches in the State of Tennessee and get better acquainted with the brethren. I came into the Church several years ago from the Free Will Baptist Church, after having preached 40 years for them. I would appreciate a revival or week-end services in any church in the State. For reference, write State Overseer W. E. Johnson.—W. B. Vance, Shell Creek, Tennessee.

#### Official Notice

The Executive Committee has appointed Rev. Donald A. Biggs as a member of the Missions Board to succeed Rev. W. H. Horton who has been selected by the Missions Board as Foreign Missions Field Representative.—Zeno C. Tharp, General Overseer.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Sister Hattie Ward, please send her address to Rev. Claude Sauls, General Delivery, DeFuniak Springs, Florida, at once.

#### CORRECTION

I have been asked by postal authority to have a correction of the address as it appears in the new 1952 Minutes. It appears under the states of Delaware, Maryland, and D. C., as 2413 Elsinor Avenue, and the correct address is 2403 Elsinor Avenue.—W. C. Byrd, State Overseer.

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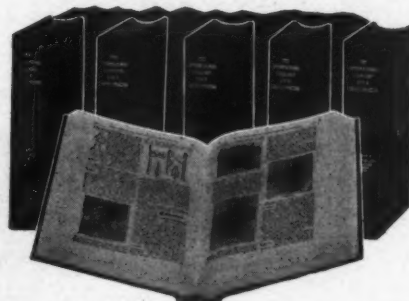
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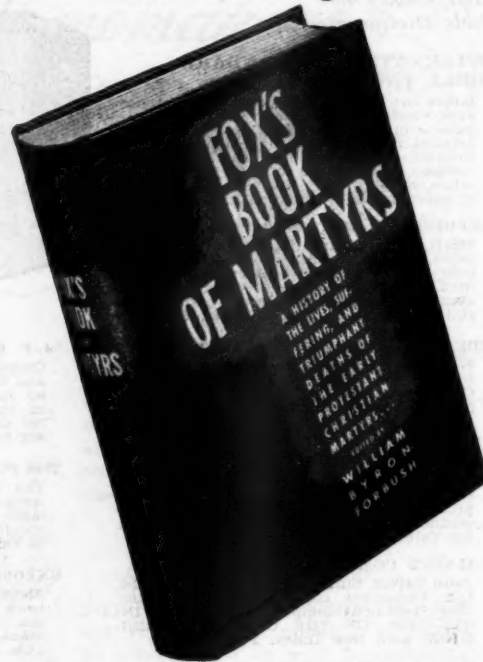


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